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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/804,971	<b>Applicant(s)</b> YEH, JEN-REN	
	<b>Examiner</b> Eugene Lhymn	<b>Art Unit</b> 3727	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3, 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cheng et al. (US 2003/0102315 A1). With respect to claim 1, Cheng et al. discloses the following:

- A metal basket comprising a bottom and a wall attached to the bottom (Fig. 3, items 56 & 62), wherein the wall includes an upper edge and a bent connection extending from the wall to the upper edge (Fig. 10); and a metal frame comprising a vertical portion (Fig. 10, item 54c'), a first horizontal portion (Fig. 10, adjacent horizontal portion to 54c'), a bent connection extending from the vertical portion to the first horizontal portion (Fig. 10, item 54d'), a second horizontal portion (Fig. 10, item 54a'), a retroflex connection extending from the first horizontal portion to the second horizontal portion, a rolled edge extending from the second horizontal portion (as shown on rightmost point of 54a'), wherein bent connection of the basket is clamped between the bent connection and the rolled

edge of the frame so that the frame is secured to the basket (Fig. 11, showing the assembled configuration).

With respect to claims 3 & 4, Cheng et al. discloses the bottom of the basket being a net and the wall of the basket being a net (Fig. 3).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng et al. in view of Nelson (US 1493376). With respect to claim 2, Cheng et al. discloses the claimed invention except for the bottom comprising an edge extending downwards and inwards, and the wall comprises a lower edge extending inwards, upwards and outwards for hooking the edge of the bottom. However, Nelson teaches a metal container wherein the bottom comprises an edge extending downwards and inwards, and the wall comprises a lower edge extending inwards, upwards and outwards for hooking the edge of the bottom, as shown in Fig. 3, thereby providing a modular and convenient means of interfacing the base and walls of a metal container. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the bottom of Cheng et al. to have an edge extending downwards and inwards,

and the wall comprises a lower edge extending inwards, upwards and outwards for hooking the edge of the bottom, as taught by Nelson so as to provide a modular and convenient means of interfacing the base and walls of a metal container.


### ***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eugene Lhymn whose telephone number is 571-272-8712. The examiner can normally be reached on MTWT 6-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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